



November 7, 2016

**VIA ECFS**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Tri-County Telephone Membership Corp Challenge to CenturyLink's  
Connect America Fund Phase I, Round 2 Notice of Incremental Support  
Election  
WC Docket No. 10-90**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Pursuant to the Wireline Competition Bureau's ("WCB") September 23, 2016 Public Notice<sup>1</sup>, Tri-County Telephone Membership Corp hereby provides notice to CenturyLink and the WCB that 2 census blocks for which CenturyLink seeks incremental Connect America Fund ("CAF") Phase I, Round 2 support are already served by Tri-County Telephone Membership Corp with 3 Mbps download, 768 kbps upload or greater. In order to avoid providing support to providers to serve census blocks that already have service by a competitive provider, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") created a challenge process that has been used effectively in many proceedings. Competitive providers are now to challenge CenturyLink's proposal to claim CAF support in census blocks that are actually served by a competitor. Tri-County Telephone Membership Corp is a competitive provider that already serves census blocks where CenturyLink seeks CAF support.

Tri-County Telephone Membership Corp reported that the census blocks listed in Appendix A are served in the Company's 9-1-16 Form 477 filing. Tri-County Telephone Membership Corp Form 477 filing was certified by an officer and serves as evidence that the Company provides broadband service to these census blocks at speeds greater than 3 Mbps/768 kbps. Therefore, CenturyLink's request to use CAF Phase I, Round 2 support to extend service to the blocks listed below should be denied.

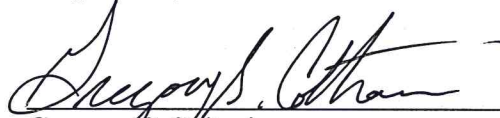
Tri-County Telephone Membership Corp is providing this letter to CenturyLink, which serves as notice that the Company already provides service in the census blocks in question, and

<sup>1</sup> Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Deadline for Existing Providers to Notify CenturyLink that They Serve Census Blocks that CenturyLink Proposes to Serve with Connect America Phase I Incremental Support, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 16-1072 (rel. Sept. 23, 2016) ("Public Notice").

therefore CenturyLink will not be able to certify that the locations in the census blocks listed in Appendix A are unserved to the best of its knowledge.

I hereby certify that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge, and the Company submitted and certified a Form 477 report that reflects its broadband service in the census blocks listed in Attachment A.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory S. Coltrain", written over a horizontal line.

Gregory S Coltrain  
General Manager/CEO  
Tri-County Telephone Membership Corp

Enclosure

cc: Heidi Lankau, Wireline Competition Bureau  
Jeffrey Lanning, Vice President Federal Regulatory Affairs, CenturyLink

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **CENSUS BLOCKS ALREADY SERVED BY Tri-County Telephone Membership Corp**

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Cassandra Heyne, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Tri-County Telephone Membership Corp was served on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016, via courier, to CenturyLink's representatives, as follows:

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JSI  
Authorized Representative for  
Tri-County Telephone Membership Corp